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OCTOBER

HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!

MAC KENNADY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Fellow Members — In my message of July 1985 I asked that any of you who had complaints or suggestions for the betterment of TNA to write and let me know of your interest and concerns. I even promised a personal response to each one writing. Have you any idea how many letters I have received on this subject? Exactly **NON! ZERO! NIL!** Does that mean that among the 1200 members we have across this broad land of ours no one has a single complaint or suggestion? I doubt it. It seems more like apathy to me. If you care about your organization, then let me know of anything which you find troublesome. Don't assume that your officers don't care, because we do. We all want to make this organization even better, and one way to accomplish this is to let us know of those things which you find bothersome. Please, let me hear from you.

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To all TNA Governors — as you visit the clubs in your districts please see that the clubs appoint someone to represent them at the annual convention which will be held in Fort Worth in 1986. Perhaps the clubs, and especially those with healthy bank accounts, would be willing to off-set some of the expenses incurred by the club representative. In the past, this has been done by some clubs, and is certainly within reason, and a justifiable club expense. I would like to have each club represented at the club representatives and governors breakfast where a sharing of ideas and suggestions are made.

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We don't often get new clubs as members, so I would like to welcome into TNA membership two new clubs. They are: **Ricebelt Coin Club** of El Campo, and **North Star of Texas Coin Club** of Paris. These memberships were obtained by governors Chris Johns and T.J. Bennington, respectively. My congratulations to both of you, and to the new clubs. It shows you are out there working.

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Speaking of new members! Don't forget to give each of your coin collecting friends an opportunity to join the finest state organization in the country. If you need applications, give your secretary a call, or drop her a note, and she will get them to you promptly.

THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN

Lee Grossman, N.L.G. San Antonio, Tx.

COMMODUS — HE BELIEVED HE WAS HERCULES REINCARNATED

Lee Grossman

Lucius Aelius Aurelius Commodus was the son of Marcus Aurelius and Faustina Junior, being born at Lanuvium in 161 AD. His father made him his Caesar in 175 AD.

In 177, Commodus was raised to Augustus, and he became joint-emperor with Aurelius, and he joined his father in the Second Germanic War.

Marcus Aurelius died on March 17, 180 AD and was immediately deified. Commodus made peace with the Quadi and the Sarmatian tribes, and returned to Rome.

Commodus was a handsome man, which was reflected on his coinage. The Romans had high hopes that Commodus would follow in the foot steps of his noble father. They soon found out that this was not to be.

Commodus married Bruttia Crispina, the beautiful daughter of Lucius Fulvius Bruttius Praesen, in 177 AD. He was 16 years old at the time. There were no issues of the marriage. Whether this was the reason or not, early in 182 AD, Commodus had Empress Crispina banished to Capreas, where she was later put to death.

BELIEVED HE WAS HERCULES

He began leaving the responsibility of the administration of the Empire to those he trusted. First, there was Perennis, the Praetorian Prefect; his treachery was found out in 184 AD. He was followed by Cleander, and then Laetus. Commodus seemed to vanish from public life. This dissolute son of a noble father had brought an abrupt halt to a happy era.

Commodus began to neglect important affairs and took to a life of pleasure-seeking. He had become insane! He would fight wild beasts in the amphitheatre. He provided these spectacles and games for the Roman people as a show of generosity. His obsession, egotism and insanity soon had him believing he was the mythical hero Hercules returned to earth. Commodus demanded that the people worship him as Hercules. He began to wear the skins of animals as clothing. His coinage was changed to the bust of Hercules instead of his bust. And then he began wearing a lion-skin headdress. Some of his coinage

shows this headgear of the Roman Hercules.

Numerous unsuccessful attempts were made on his life. But Commodus continued his partying. He invited some of his friends to the palace for a party to celebrate the New Year of 193. It was at this New Year's Eve party (December 31, 192 AD), while Commodus was in a drunken stupor, he was strangled. He was 31 years old.

His reign was a retrogression to all of the evil which had existed prior to Nerva. It was marked with violence and extravagance. The reign of a cruel, intemperate and insane ruler was ended.

His coinage as a Caesar (175-177 AD) was a gold Aureus, worth $2,250 in Very Fine condition. Silver Denarii in VF can be obtained for $40 to $50. Bronze Sestertii, in Fine condition, sell for $75 to $90; a Dupondius can be bought for $35 and the As is worth $30.

Coinage as co-emperor (with Marcus Aurelis), 177-180, consisted of a gold Aureus, in VF, selling for $1500, and a gold Quinarius valued at $1800. Silver Denarii, in VF, can be bought for $35. Bronze Sestertii, in Fine, is worth $45 to $90; Dupondii can be purchased for $72 to $84 and Ases sell for $72.

BRUTTIA CRISPINA

MARCUS AURELIUS

As sole emperor (180-192 AD), the gold Aureus sells for $1350 in Very Fine, and the gold Quinarius is worth $1800. Silver Denarii, in VF, can be bought for $30 to $112.50, and the silver Quinarius is selling for $135.

Bronze Sestertii, in Fine condition, can be purchased for $45 to $225; Dupondii sell for $72, and Ases are worth from $15 to $60.

Trajan Decius had silver Antoniniani struck as commemorative coins after the death of Commodus, which can be bought for $45 in Fine condition. Colonial and Provincial coinage was struck as bronze AE 19 to 27, and sells for $12.50 to $50, in Fine condition, while billon Tetradrachm can be bought for $12.50 to $45.

Commodus' first titles were in 175 AD, when he was made Caesar. He received his Tribunician Power in 176; and received his Imperatorial Acclamation, Consulship, Patar Patriae and title of Augustus - all in 177 AD.

My coin was purchased as a silver Denarius, but I'm now certain that it is a bronze Sestertius with a silver wash. It is in Very Fine condition. The obverse side shows Commodus with a laureate bust, draped and cuirassed. The lettering around the bust reads: "L AVREL COM-

MODVG" (Lucius Aurelius Commodus, Augustus). The reverse side shows the goddess Salus seated, left, feeding a serpent which is rising from the floor. The lettering is: "TR P III IMP II COS P P" (Tribunician Power III; Imperatorial 2nd; Consulship, and Pater Patriae). Based on the lettering, I've determined that this coin was struck in 177 AD - his first year a joint emperor. The coin is not listed in Sear, but is similar to Sear #1503.

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C. E. WEBB

Services for Cecil Elmo Webb, 59, of Lubbock were held August 15 in Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

Webb was killed Sunday, August 11, in an auto accident on U.S. 377 between Crosson and Granbury enroute to his home in Lubbock after attending a coin show at Fort Worth.

He was a retired farmer and had lived in the Lubbock area since 1942. He was a member of the South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock and member #1665 of the Texas Numismatic Association.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; two daughters; a sister; and a grandchild.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Texas Numismatic Association and some of its members received several awards at the August convention of the American Numismatic Association held in Baltimore, Md.

TNA received its 25-year membership plaque as did Doris Martin of Houston, first editor of the **TNA NEWS**, and Jake Sureck of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dave Cervin of Amarillo took first place in the ancient coin exhibit category, and Gerald Kendall, TNA 1st vice president, and Bernard Loebe, both of Houston, served as exhibit judges.

TIM'S KOIN KORNER

W. L. Timmons
Dallas, Tx.

After we took the Philippines in 1945, one of the first acts of the Philippine government was to issue a coin to commemorate General Douglas MacArthur. In 1946, they issued 100,000 pesos and 200,000 fifty centavos.

We recognized this coin as a sleeper a long time ago. We ordered many from the Philippines and sold them by mail at a small markup. That source of supply dried up, but any time we go to a coin show, we pick up all we see at a reasonable price.

A large ad in a recent Times Herald by the "Calhoun Collectors Society" promotes this coin and advertised it for $39. Although this price is somewhat over trends, it is not unreasonable as many such large ads are. We had our pesos marked $25 and we offer a set of the peso and 50 centavo for $35.

If you bought one at $39, and went to a coin show the next day you could probably sell it for half what you paid for it, which isn't too bad. In a few years the price of this coin should appreciate many times. Most MacArthur admirers don't even know that a coin was ever made with his effigy.

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There are more and more articles and speculation about changing the paper money, starting with hundred dollar bills, and making old bills worthless - something that has never happened before in the history of our country. Supposedly, this is for making worthless large amounts of drug money. However, Ron Paul warns in his newsletter that the hundred dollar bills may only be a start, and he advises everybody to convert their paper money into gold and silver coins.

FT. WORTH HOSTING '86 TNA CONVENTION

The Tarrant County Convention Center, built over the ruins of "Hell's Half-Acre," a hangout for Butch and Sundance and Bonnie and Clyde, will be the scene of action during the 1986 Texas Numismatic Association convention set for May 23, 24, 25 in Fort Worth. Howard Luke is general chairman and Fort Worth Coin Club is host.

Committees serving are R.E. (Bob) Slocum, 6732 Fortune Rd., Fort Worth 76116, bourse; Ken Jones, club president, bourse assistant; Charles Cox, exhibits, assisted by Werner Pegg; Joe Wade, publicity; Katherine Kennady, registration; Elleta Havens, program and special events.

Also serving are Linda Wade, breakfast arrangements; Bob Culbertson, auction coordinator; Werner Pegg, awards and badges; Lloyd Campbell, educational forum; and Linda Glascock, VIP assistance.

Hotel headquarters will be the Fort Worth Hilton, 1701 Commerce St., Fort Worth 76102, 817/335-7000. Luke urges everyone to send in hotel reservations early and to be certain to state they will be attending the TNA convention.

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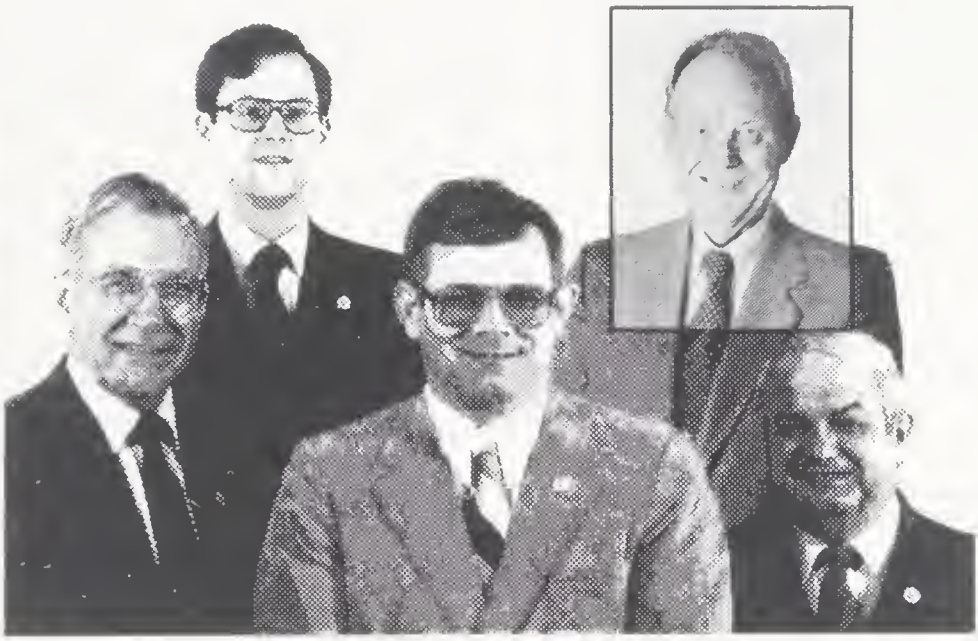

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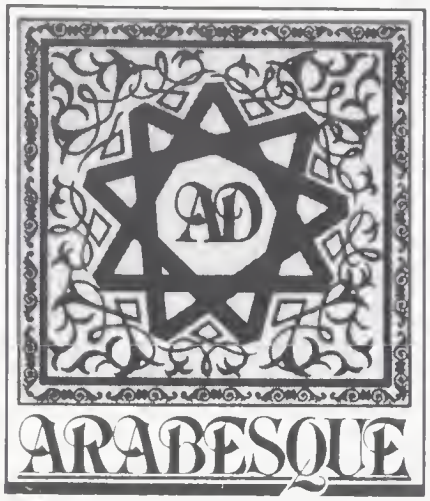

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The TNA 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial project committee wants to thank the following for their donations toward TNA's expense in participation of the 1986 event: Reed Hawn of Austin, Austin Coin Club, South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock, Levelland Coin Club, Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc. of Amarillo, and Lamb County Coin Club of Littlefield. We appreciate your generous contributions.

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Sesquicentennial activities are gaining momentum across the state and we're happy to report that the Fort Worth Texas Sesquicentennial Commission has sanctioned TNA's 1986 convention as an official part of Fort Worth's celebration of the state's 150th anniversary.

Lamb County Coin Club is working on plans for the traveling exhibit to visit their city of Littlefield. The Waco Coin Club will give a repeat performance in 1986 of an exhibit at the local library made up of monies used in Texas. It was first displayed in June 1985. Jim Hall gave a program on Texas commemoratives at a recent meeting of South Plains Coin Club in Lubbock. Dallas Coin Club will incorporate the Sesquicentennial theme in their November program. That's great. How about the rest of you?

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We are still anticipating your donations of currency, coinage, tokens, medals, or whatever you can part with, for the traveling exhibit, anything pertaining to Texas. We **must** have those items ASAP. Please, won't you help us? But remember, the only way we can accept your donations is by gift, not loan, because this exhibit will be given to a museum, library or other interested institution as a permanent display. We need your help.

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Karla Galindo reports good response from clubs and oldtimers with information and getting it in print. We do hope your club is included in the booklet. It will be if you sent the data to her.

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Nela Runkle needs to fill up her scrapbook on club and member activities revolving around the Sesquicentennial. Be sure you send any clippings, photos, souvenirs, etc. to her at 4304 Jennie Ave., Amarillo 79106.

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from the 1st vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Gerald W. Kendall
Box 55545, Houston, TX. 77055

How many calories in a dish of crow? Hope there aren't too many as I seem to eat quite a bit of it. While at the ANA convention in Baltimore this past month I was approached by my good friend and fellow TNA member, Clyde Hubbard, and asked if I did not consider Mexico to be a foreign country. I made an attempt to convince him that Mexico is just Texas' southern pasture. This was to no avail. Yes, we have another member of TNA who does not reside in the U.S. Clyde lives in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

ANA was a good show from all that I saw. It seemed to be well attended by collectors. The exhibits numbered the second highest ever, only exceeded by New York in 1976. We suffered a shortage of judges as only 41 were able to judge and we had 19 classes which required three judges for each class. As a result I judged three classes instead of the usual one class. Some of the exhibits were of really great quality. However, some were, I feel, less than ANA quality ranking. TNA's own Dave Cervin had an exhibit in coins pre-1500 which won a first place in his class.

Texas was well represented at this convention as I saw, perhaps, upwards of 100 Texans there. Many were dealers who had tables but many were just collectors who braved the high cost of air fares and hotel rooms to fill that hole in their collection. This period is a great time to buy but selling will, many times, make the seller catch his breath. Top grade key coins have dipped, some sharply, but those in low grade and of less than key rating have nosedived. This condition is also to a much greater degree in philatelics and in most all collectibles.

Next year ANA will move to Milwaukee, Wisc. This will be a bit closer for some of us. Those of us who plan to attend are making our plans surer by finding hotels near the convention site. However, there are two good shows before this. They are GHCC Money Show in January 1986 and TNA in May 1986 in Fort Worth. Let's all attend and make them a success. Remember we need lots of good exhibits and lots of good judges as well.

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WELCOME to new members 4778-4784. If approved the following will become members November 1, 1985.

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4786 (D-9) Dana Woodside, P.O. Box 1165, Andrews, TX. 79714. U.S. E.L. Pitzer.

4787 (D-8) Frank G. Lemos, Sr., 3733 Bertram St., Corpus Christi, TX. 78416. Joe B. Davis.

4788 (D-6) Don Buntin, 7500 Bellaire #521, Houston, TX. 77036. Dealer. Lyman C. Bartee.

4789 (D-6) Raymond A. Cobb, 17435 Imperial Valley #1810, Houston, TX. 77060. U.S. coins. Eleanor Kennady.

4790 (D-6) Billy M. Pitzer, 7950 Bellfort #201, Houston, TX. 77061. Lamonte & Mrs. Ella Pitzer.

C-196 (D-5) North Star of Texas Coin Club, P.O. Box 975, Paris, TX. 75460. Paul Garner & T.J. Bennington.

C-197 (D-6) Ricebelt Coin Club, P.O. Box 406, El Campo, TX. 77437. Chris Johns.

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TNA NEWS Ads	595.00	
TNA Dues	193.00	
Sale of Alamo & 1985 Convention Medals	620.00	
Interest earned on Checking Account	22.10	1,430.10
		6,464.88
DISBURSEMENTS:		
TNA Secretary - July allowance	200.00	
TNA NEWS Editor - August travel allowance & July petty cash	232.10	
River Oaks Printing Co.	1,495.70	
July issue - 1,350 copies	1,228.20	
Postage	150.00	
Mailing list, etc.	117.50	
Logan's Flowers - Offering for Margaret Ann Colvin	26.25	
James Montgomery - Refund of medal purchase	32.00	
Frank Galindo - Reimburse for medal expense	7.98	
Karla Galindo - Reimburse for medal expense	33.12	2,027.15
		4,437.73
Balance on hand as of Aug. 31, 1985		4,437.73
* Operating Funds	4,341.80 *	
* Encumbered Funds	95.93 *	

NOTE: The following funds cannot be used for anything except the purposes for which they are encumbered. The balance above includes these funds except as noted below.

TNA Memorial Library Fund as of Aug. 31, 1985	95.93
TNA NEWS Certificate of Deposit as of July 31, 1985	5,872.58
Interest Earned	144.32
TNA NEWS Certificate of Deposit as of Aug. 31, 1985	6,016.90
Certificate of Deposit as of Aug. 31, 1985	2,526.97
Life Membership Savings Account as of Aug. 31, 1985	5,475.99
TOTAL ASSETS	**18,457.59**

EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 12-13
FORT WORTH COIN CLUB, annual show, Will Rogers Exhibit Hall, West Lancaster & 1 Amon Carter Square. **WRITE:** Ken Jones, Box 7733, Ft. Worth 76111.

OCTOBER 18-20
SPACE CITY COIN SHOW, Airport Hilton Inn, 500 North Belt East, **BOURSE:** Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206.

OCTOBER 26-27
LAFAYETTE COIN CLUB, Municipal Auditorium. **WRITE:** Club, Box 52334, Lafayette, La. 70505.

NOVEMBER 2-3
CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, coin show, La Quinta Royale. **BOURSE:** David Burke, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404.

NOVEMBER 8-10
NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL COIN EXPOSITION (NICE), Park Suite Hotel, 13131 N. Central Expressway, Dallas. **BOURSE:** NICE '85, Box 836094, Richardson 75083.

NOVEMBER 17
DALWORTH COIN & STAMP SHOW, Rodeway Inn at Six Flags, 833 N. Watson Rd., Arlington. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

NOVEMBER 23-24
RED RIVER COIN CLUB, annual coin & stamp show, Activity Center, 10th & Indiana, Wichita Falls. **BOURSE:** Logan Essex, Box 4061, Wichita Falls 76308, 817/692-8332.

NOV. 29-30, DEC. 1
PASADENA COIN CLUB, 25th annual coin show, Hobby Airport Hilton, 8181 Airport Blvd., Houston. **WRITE:** Club, Box 58155, Houston 77258.

1986 EVENTS

MARCH 29-30
CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, Collector's Show, La Quinta Motor Hotel. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404.

APRIL 12-13
GATEWAY COIN CLUB, coin show, Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Hiway, San Antonio. **WRITE:** Club, Box 21087, San Antonio 78221-0089. 512/271-3429.

MAY 9-11
OKLAHOMA NUMISMATIC ASSN. annual convention. Details later.

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I –

Morris Johnson
Governor

Forty three members, nine visitors including three juniors, attended the August 1 meeting of **Fort Worth Coin Club** held at 1009 Henderson. Three new members were welcomed into the club.

Mr. Conger gave a report on the Electronic Newspaper issued by the Fort Worth Star Telegram carrying news on computers. Many of the subscribers have special hobbies. It was discussed that the club could put out a monthly newsletter in this paper. Paul Garner gave a program on Chop Marks and English Counterfeits. - **Frances Luke, Sec.**

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A Summertime ice cream and watermelon social with 30 attending at City Park was held by **Stephenville Coin Club** on August 26. The regular auction followed.

At an earlier meeting the regular business meeting and auction was held at Red Bandana Steak House. Nineteen members were present. - **Lorene Randals, Sec.**

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DISTRICT III –

Dick Dollen
Governor

Members of **Key City Coin Club** of Abilene were invited to tour The University Inn, a retirement center, and conduct the monthly meeting.

The August meeting was held at United Savings which included discussing coins and an auction. Many members were absent due to vacations. - **Frances Thornton, Sec.**

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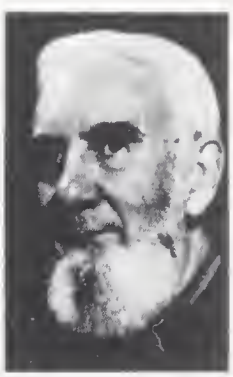
DISTRICT IV –



Dr. Robert Greenwood
Governor

Plans for the 1986 coin show were discussed by members of **Waco Coin Club** at the regular August meeting. Also under discussion by the 23 present was a vote to advertise in various high school papers this Fall in an attempt to attract young people.

An auction concluded the meeting. - **J.P. Jones, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT V —

Paul Garner
Governor

Frank Clark gave a program on the Texas Commemorative Half Dollar at the August meeting of **Garland Coin Club.** The coins were issued from 1934 to 1938 and featured portraits of Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin on the reverse. A large 5-pointed star behind an eagle highlights the obverse.

Becky and Allen Mizdail were welcomed into the club as new members. The auction was conducted by Barney Welch and Randy Borland won the door prize. - **Timothy N. Lee, Sec.**

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A new location for the 7th annual **Numismatics International Coin Exposition** (NICE) is being announced by the sponsors. The place will be Park Suite Hotel, 13131 North Central Expressway, in Dallas. Dates for the Winter event are November 8, 9, 10. Predominately non-U.S. numismatic material will be offered by the many dealers attending from the U.S., Canada and Europe.

Contact Ross Schraeder for more details at Box 836094, Richardson 75083.

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Program plans for the remainder of 1985 for **Dallas Coin Club** include one on eight reales by Paul Garner, an ANA slide set on Crowns of the World, and the Texas Sesquicentennial theme. Ron Blaha received an Educational Award for his program on Coins of Colonial America.

Garner conducted the 41-lot auction and Ben Hong received the door prize. Jim Jeska is a new member. - **Ron Blaha, Sec.**

DISTRICT VI —

L.D. Rutherford and John A. Cobb were scheduled to give short programs at the August meeting of **Greater Houston Coin Club.** Subjects were to be coins of their choice or about the ones they won as door prizes at a previous meeting.

Club members are now meeting at the Marriott Hotel located at 2100 S. Braeswood. New members include David and Helen Butler and Charles C. Templeton. - **Club Bulletin.**

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Announcement has been made by **Bellaire Coin Club** that their recent coin show was one of, if not the best, shows that has been hosted. The report noted that attendance increased and much interest was expressed, resulting in three new members joining the club.

The September 3 meeting was to include business, auction and games. At the September 19 session, a True/False quiz was to be given. Members were urged to study the Red Book for the answers. - **Club Bulletin.**

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Pasadena Coin Club is continuing plans for the November 29-30, December 1 coin club show (the 25th annual) at the Hobby Airport Hilton in Houston. Contact the club at Box 58155, Houston 77258 for information.

Seven new members joined the club and are: Larry Vann, Rickie Shott, Robert Corona, John D. Hayse, Jack Daniel, Steve Getchell and Rusty McBride.

Russ Clickner was scheduled to give a program on Confederate States Money and Broken Bank Notes at the September 9 meeting.

A total sale price of $1270.15 was realized from an 86-lot auction conducted August 26 by Bill Chase. Forty three lots did not sell. The club plans another auction September 23. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VII —

Frank Galindo
Governor

New officers nominated to serve **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio include Raymond E. Tate, president; Freeman L. Craig, vice president; Karla Galindo, secretary; and Cliff Valley, treasurer. The new officers will be installed at the club banquet October 3 at Grady's Bar-B-Que followed by an auction of donated numismatic items with proceeds being added to the 1987 TNA convention fund. Gateway club will host the convention.

Plans have been confirmed to sponsor the Gateway coin show on April 12-13 at Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Hiway. Ray Tate will serve as general chairman. Write the club at Box 21087, San Antonio 78221-0089. Phone 512/271-3429.

Bob Klebe gave a talk on "Why It's Time to Look at Your Pocket Change" at one of the meetings, and Karla Galindo presented a history of the club. - **Mike Greenspan, Bulletin Editor.**

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Alamo Coin Club of San Antonio has changed its meeting location to Wyatt's Cafeteria at Babcock and Loop 410 beginning with the September 12 meeting. The club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Scheduled programs are ANA slide sets on paper money art and World Trade dollars. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VIII —

Joe B. Davis
Governor

The 1986 Collectors' Show sponsored by **Corpus Christi Coin Club** will be held March 29-30 at La Quinta Motor Hotel. More details will be announced as plans progress.

At the August 20 meeting, Dale Nelson gave a program on hurricane awareness; September 3, Joe Davis spoke on inflation; and Bob Evans gave a program

on Texas currency at the September 17 meeting. Winning door prizes were Ralph Watters and Ray Crisp.

Meeting time and place were announced for those interested in attending a meeting of the **Beeville Coin Club.** Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month (except June, July, August) at the King Bee Restaurant, 702 S. Washington St. at 1 p.m. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT IX —

The September meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock was to include the showing of a slide set on Dollar Varieties.

At the August meeting, which 13 attended, members voted to place an ad in the newspaper announcing meeting dates and time. Under discussion was gathering information for the TNA Numismatic History booklet as a project for the Texas Sesquicentennial.

Refreshments were served and Gary Simmons won the door prize. - **E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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Lamb County Coin Club of Littlefield discussed obtaining the TNA Sesquicentennial exhibit for a showing in Littlefield. It was also voted to make a donation to the TNA Sesquicentennial fund.

Members were nearing completion on the club history to be sent to Karla Galindo for the booklet to be printed for the Sesquicentennial. D.O. Joplin was recipient of the door prize. Refreshments were served to seven members. - **E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

DISTRICT XI —

Nela Runkle
Governor

Twenty nine attended the August 5 meeting of **Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.** of Amarillo when an update on the October coin show was given. Amarillo Coin & Bullion offered to donate 1986 Red Books to city libraries following a motion made by Jim Jordan for the club to donate same. Roy Wilson gave the Coin Market Report.

Tom Zorn, formerly of Tulsa, Okla. and now living in Amarillo, offered to donate some of the prizes for the hourly drawings at the show. Zorn is a partner in the newly-opened Frontier Coins in Amarillo. Jim Jordan and Homer Dotts also offered to donate door prizes.

Jordan presented a program on "Counter-Stamped Large Cents." R.C. Tipton, junior member, was one of the door prize winners, along with Louis Flemming, Jerry Adams, Debbra Alderman, Ed Bodin and Lisa Thompson. - **Nela Runkle, Gov. Dist. 11.**

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DISTRICT XIII —

Raymond E. Whyborn
Governor

Logan L. Essex has been named bourse chairman for the annual coin show planned by **Red River Coin & Stamp Club.** Essex can be contacted at Box 4061, Wichita Falls 76308, phone 817/692-8332.

The show will be held November 23-24 at Wichita Falls Activity Center, 10th & Indiana. There will be no admission charge.

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DISTRICT XIV —

Ada Lee Chisum
Governor

At recent meetings of **Hidalgo Coin Club** of the Rio Grande Valley, there has been considerable discussion about the striking of a medal commemorating the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial and the 25th anniversary of the club. It was decided to table the issue for several months until members have returned from Summer vacations. To advertise club meetings, members voted to have cards printed giving the time and place of their monthly meetings.

Also under discussion were recent auctions held locally where coin collections were auctioned. It was suggested that the club might sponsor an auction sometime this Fall featuring coins, stamps, clocks, guns and other collectibles.

Programs for the past two months have included coin cleaning information and coin holders by Allen McKay and the history of the Maria Theresa Thaler by Ada Lee Chisum. - **Helen Snider, Sec.**

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DISTRICT XV —

One guest joined the 15 members who attended the **Greater Orange Coin Club** meeting presided over by Bill Stein who also conducted the auction.

Sympathy was extended to the family of Johnnie Mabry who passed away August 9. Johnnie was very active in the Golden Triangle coin clubs.

Dewey L. Scott gave a program on "Coin Errors" and gave examples of the errors such as rotated dies, broken/cracked dies, etc. - **Becky Scott, Sec.**

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Members of **Beaumont Coin Club** will be meeting in a new location - the first floor of Texas Commerce Bank, 510 Park St. A discussion took place on the September 21-22 coin show and also a one-day show in December in Winnie, Tx.

Sid King presented a program on "The Eight U.S. Mints." He told of the Act of April 1792 establishing U.S. mints. There have been a total of eight mints, four of which are still in operation: San Francisco, eight mints, four of which are still in oper-

ation: San Francisco, Philadelphia, West Point and Denver. The four no longer in operation are Carson City, New Orleans, Charlotte and Dahlonega. Sid gave the history of each mint and the rivalry among them. The newest one, West Point, began minting gold coins in 1984.

Door prize winners were Dale Richey, Jim Ellis, Lisa Stein, Bill Stein, Sid King and Robert Cates. - **Kaye Brown, Sec.**

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Jim Eldridge was in charge of the program at the meeting of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** and asked the 18 members and two guests to write down their favorite coin. He stated that if each one were given a blank check, would this be the coin they would purchase. Jim talked on the most expensive coins and alloys, the different types of coins and their values.

Winning door prizes were Patrick Dowden, Bill Stein, James Rodriguez, Clarise Dowden, Russell Tritico, Justin Rojo, Roy Tritico, Faye Scott, Harry Chand and Ann King. Sid King led the auction. - **Linda Dowden, Sec.**

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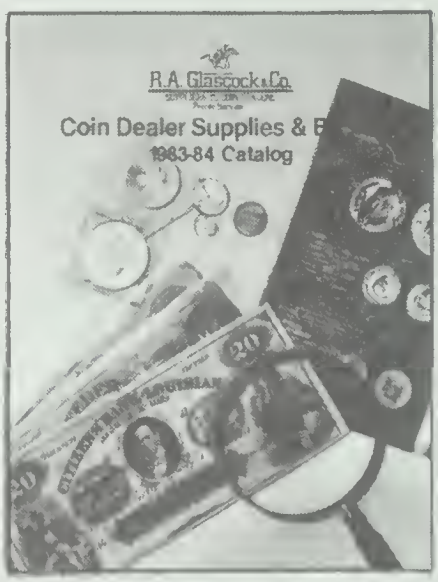

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